Unauthorised sale of coal by TISCO

4046. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TISCO has unauthorisedly sold coal from the colliery including middlings and slurry leading to loss to State exchequer and inviolation of the mine lease terms and the Mines and) Minerals Regulation Development Act;

(b) if so, the details regarding the facts of the matter vis-a-vis Bihar Government's claim along with the Central Government's view point thereto; and

(c) the details of steps takenj proposed to be taken in this regard indicating whether similar cases of violations that have come to the notice of the Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c) According to information furnished by Coal Controller, after ascertaining the quality, the coal found unfit for use by Steel Plants, such as rejected coal and washery tailings are being released by him from time to time which are being sold by Tata Iron & Steel Company Limited (TISCO) to non metallurgical consumers. Coal Controller has informed that he has not received any complaint regarding excessive prices being charged by TISCO.

Government of Bihar want that this coal should be sold by TISCO to Bihar State Mineral Development Corporation (BSMDC) for resale. BSMDC may approach Coal Controller and TISCO in this regard with their proposal.

Variations in the costs of production in different coal companies

4047. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are variations in the costs of coal production of different coal producing companies in the country;

(b) if so what are the details thereof, company-wise;

(c) whether Government have as, certained the reasons of higher costs of coal production, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any schemes have been formulated to improve the si tuation; and

(e) if so, what are the details of the schemes, company-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cost of production of coal in different coal producing companies under Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collerjes Company